(c) There is no proposal for reducing the prices of indigenous newsprint. The quality of indigenous newsprint is considedred satisfactory. However, the various newspaper mills have taken steps to further improve the quality of their production by adopting improved technology.

Pouring in of Weapons etc. in Tibet by China

663. SHRI DINKARRAO GOVINDRAO PATIL:

SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA:

SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL:

SHRI SHARAD YADAV:

SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the press report which appeared in *The Hindustan Times* dated the 3rd June, 1987 to the effect that China is pouring tremendous number of soldiers and weapons, besides supply of artillery and rockets, into the sparsely populated mountanious border area of Tibet, amids signs that it is preparing for a possible clash with India;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) what steps are being taken by the Government of India to meet the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) to (c) Government have seen the press reports about the Chinese military build-up in Tibet.

A constant watch is kept on all developments which impinge on our security and appropriate measures taken for full defence preparedness.

It would not be desirable to disclose details in this regard.

The House then adjourned at seven minutes past eleven of the clock till eleven of the clock on Friday, till 31st July, 1987.